HOUSE No. 854

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition of Anne M. Paulsen and others relative to the classification of certain offenses committed within school zones. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anne M. Paulsen

Byron Rushing

Kay Khan

Benjamin Swan

Ruth B. Balser

Patricia D. Jehlen

Michael E. Festa

Gloria L. Fox

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUMS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 32J of chapter 94C of the Massachusetts General Laws
- 2 is amended by adding the following new paragraph to the end of
- 3 the section:— If the offense resulting in a conviction of section
- 4 thirty-two, thirty-two A, thirty-two B, thirty-two C, thirty-two D,
- 5 thirty-two E, thirty-two F, thirty-two I while within one thousand
- 6 feet of the real property, comprising a public or private accredited
- 7 preschool, accredited headstart facility, elementary, vocational, or
- 8 secondary school, or within one hundred feet of a public park or
- 9 playground, inside a private residence or other dwelling house
- 10 within those zones, where no one immediately present during the
- 11 offense was under 18 years of age, this section shall not apply.